

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 3836 United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy Reauthorization Act of 2006

As passed by the Senate on August 3, 2006

S. 3836 would extend the authorization for the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy through fiscal year 2009. Under current law, the commission's authorization will expire at the end of fiscal year 2006. The commission makes recommendations to the Department of State on policies and programs related to public diplomacy, and may also appraise the effectiveness of such policies and programs. It reports to the Congress on its recommendations and appraisals. Based on information from the Department of State, CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would cost about \$300,000 a year over the 2007-2009 period, subject to appropriation of such amounts. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or receipts.

S. 3836 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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